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GRACE SHERWOOD, THE VIRGINIA WITCH.

COMMUNICATED BY EDWARD W. JAMES.

Princess Anne

At a Court held y^e 3rd Sep^r 1701 present M^r Ben^o Borr^o M^r Henry Woodhouse, M^r Rob^t Thorrowgood M^r Henry Spratt M^r Joell Cornick Justices

Upon y^e Peticon of Grace Sherwood Relict of James Sherwood y^t a Commiscon of Administ^rcon might be granted her on her Decd Husbands Estate he Dying Intestate which is granted pvided Shee give Security for y^e Same as y^e Law Directs.

It is Ordered y^t y^e Sherr Som Edw: Cannon Sen^r & Rich^d Bonney to meet at y^e late Dwelling house of James Sherwood & appraise y^e S^d Sherwood's Estate Upon y^e 8th Day of y^s Instant Sep^r Provided they bee ffirst Sworne for y^t Porpose & m^r Joell Cornick is Requested to bee yⁿ & theare to Sweare y^m

An Inventory & Appraisment of y^e Estate of James Sherwood Decd taken by Vertue of an ord^r of Princess Anne County Court dated y^e 8th Day of this Instant Sept: wittness our hands y^e 8th of Sept^r 1701

	lb	tob ^o
1 old bed & boulder & pillowes & bedstead & a few old blanketts being all y ^e bedding	290	
1 low table & forme & Seven old Cheres	320	
2 old Chests & one old box	160	
one hand mill & frame &c.	300	
3 milk payles two trayes & other milk Vessells w th Some other Lumber	200	
4 Sider Casks	110	
2 Iron potts & bailes & one pott hang ^r	150	
3 Iron wedges one pestell one Spitt two old narrow axes two old broad hoes & 1 fizgig	200	
to one old gun	250	
to a persell of ffeathers	120	
1 old wooling wheeles Linen D ^o 1 old Cutting Knife	080	
one old poore mangy Scabby horse	20	
	2200	
to 6 Ewes one weather one ram.	800	

Ed^w Cannon Sen^r Rich^d Bonney totall 3000

An additionall account of w^t is not here Inventoryed and appraised a true acc^{tt} given by me Grace Sherwood to y^e best of my

knowledge & wth is as ffolloweth (Viz^{ti}) one Sadle & bridle and two old with Basketts & a sadle & five head of Cattle & seven head of hoggs

Signum

GRACE ^x_x SHERWOOD

Princess Ann

At a Court the 7th Xber 1705 Present M^r Ben^o Burr^o Coll^o Edw: Moseley M^r Jn^o Cornick Cap^t Hen: Chapman M^r Jn^o Richason Cap^t Geo: Handcock Justices

Coll^o Thorrowgood Came Late

Grace Sherwood Suing Luke Hill & Uxor In an action of Trespass of Assault & Batt^{ry} Setting forth how y^e Def^{ts} Wife had Assaulted Bruised Maimed & Barbarously Beaten y^{ee} pt: to her great damage fifty Pounds Sterr: Damage to wth y^{ee} Def^{ts} by Rich^d Corbitt their Att^{ny} pleaded not Guilty & of this put themselves on y^{ee} Country wth y^e pt: in Like manner whereupon a Jury was Impanelled and Sworne to try y^e Case who Bring in their verd^t wee of y^e Jury doe in a Diff: depending Between Grace Sherrwood pt: & Luke Hill & Eliz^{bth} his wife def^t find for y^e pt: twenty Shill: Sterr: Damages wth Cost. Mark Powell foreman &c^a on y^e pt. motion the Jurys verd^t is ord^r to be Recorded accordingly ord^r y^t y^e Def^t pay to y^{ee} pl: Twenty Shill Ster: Damages wth Cost Alis Exc^o

Princess Ann

At a Court held y^e 12th Xber 1705

Whereas y^e fforeman of y^e Jury Impanelled in a Suit depending between Grace Sherwood ag^t Luke Hill & wife y^e 7th Instant Omitted to Sign y^{ee} verd^t Soe y^t y^{on} noe Judgm^t Could pass It is therefore ord^r y^t y^e same be stayed till y^e next Court for y^e Sherr: to Sum Mark Powell foreman to Court to give further & full Sattisfaccion as shall be demanded of him by y^e Court in y^r behalfe

Princess Ann At a Court held y^e 3^d of Jan^{ry} 1705-6

Whereas Luke Hill & uxor Som^d Grace Sherwood to this Court in Suspition of witchcraft & she fayling to apear it is therefore ord^r y^t attachm^t to y^e Sherr do Issue to attach her body to ans^r y^e s^d Som next Court

ffeb^{ry} 6th 1705-6

Suite for Suspition of witchcraft brought by Luke Hill ag^t Grace Sherwood is ord^r to be referr till to morr^o

ffeb^{ry} 7th 1705-6

Whereas a Compl^t was brought ag^t Grace Sherrwood on Suspition of witchcraft by Luke Hill &c: & y^e matter being after a long time debated & ord^r y^t y^e s^d Hill pay all fees of this Compl^t & y^t y^e s^d Grace be here next Court to be Searched according to y^e compl^t

by a Jury of women to decide y^e s^d Differr: & y^e Sherr is Likewise ord^r to Som an able Jury accordingly
Princess Ann

At a Court held y^e 7th March 1705⁵ Present Col^o Edward Moseley Lieu^t Col^o Adam Thorrowgood Maj^r Henry Sprat Cap^{tn} Horatio Woodhouse M^r Jn^o Cornick Cap^{tn} Henry Chapman M^r W^m Smith M^r Jn^o Richason Cap^{tn} Geo: Handcock Justices

Whereas a Complaint have been to this Court by Luke Hill & his wife y^t one grace Sherrwood of y^e County was & Have been a long time Suspected of witchcraft & have been as Such Represented wherefore y^e Sherr at y^e last Court was ord^d to Som a Jury of women to y^e Court to Serch her on y^e s^d Suspicion She assenting to y^e Same and after y^e Jury was impannelled and Sworn & Sent out to make Due inquiry & Inspection into all Circumstances After a Mature Consideracon They bring in y^e verditt wee of y^e Jury have Serchth Grace Sherwood & have found Two things like titts wth Severall other Spotts Eliz^r Barnes forewoman Sarah Norris Marg^{rt} Watkins Hannah Dinnis Sarah Goodacre Mary Burgess Sarah Sergeent winifred Davis Ursula Henley ann Bridg^t Ezabh waples Mary Cotle

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THROCKMORTON OF ENGLAND AND VIRGINIA.

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10. ALBION THROCKMORTON, born November, 1740 (F. B.), served in the Revolution as a cornet in Lee's Legion, and received land bounty for his services. (*Virginia Land Office Records*.) He married Mary Webb, of Virginia. Issue: 30, *James Edmonson*; 31, *William E.*; 32, Robert, a sea-captain, died of yellow fever about 1834; 33, Lucy; 34, Dorothea; 35, Daughter.

13. MAJOR MORDECAI THROCKMORTON, of Gloucester county, served in the Revolution as captain of a company of minute men from that county. In the Journal of the Committee of Safety, July 3, 1776, is the following entry: "A certificate of the appointment of Mordecai Throckmorton, Gent., to be Capt. of a minute Comp. in Glos-ter district was ret'd and a Comm'n issued, dated 6th May." On October 24, 1776, Captain Mordecai Throckmorton's and three other companies of minute men stationed at Gloucestertown were discharged on account of their reduced numbers. Later in the war